

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ellen K. Wesel

Date: December 20, 2000

Serial No. 09/159,817

Group Art Unit: 2745

Filed: September 23, 1998

For: COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SUING A SATELLITE-BASED
NETWORK WITH A PLURALITY OF SPOT BEAMS PROVIDING
UBIQUITOUS COVERAGE FROM TWO DIFFERENT SATELLITES

Examiner: T. Gesesse

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTERAttn: Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

_____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for _____ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

_____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ Fee \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ _____ Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated **October 3, 2000**. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

_____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
TOTAL CLAIMS	minus	*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$ _____
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus	**	=	0	x	\$ 80.00	\$ _____
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+	\$ 270.00	\$ _____
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:							\$ -0-

Charge \$-0- to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. **This form is submitted in triplicate.**

Respectfully submitted,

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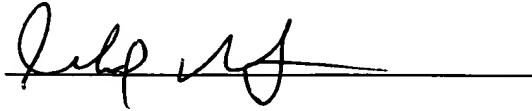
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* If less than 20, insert 20
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